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Honorable Michael Friedman  
Commissioner  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Dockets Management Branch  
Room 1-23  
12420 Parklawn Drive  
Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to urge your support for Docket Nos. 98P-0151/CP1 and 98P-0203/CP.

The first petition, urging meat from downed animals be labeled unfit for human consumption, is simply a humane endeavor. No animal should have to endure such treatment of painful transportation, kicking, et cetera only to be left in the hot sun or worse to die a slow death. It is unnecessary. Profit should never be put ahead of humanity.

The second petition to ban forced molting of laying hens should have been passed long ago. I recently read a headline that said it best, "If you didn't feed your dog or cat for 14 days, this would be consider deplorable, but. . ." This practice is not only cruel to the hens, those who die a slow death as well as those who survive, but this practice is not safe for humans who consume the eggs generated as it can increase the possibility of salmonella.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope you are able to secure positive results for these poor animals.

Sincerely,

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